| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 49. | Budge Budge RLU | 106 |
| 50. | Amtola RLU | 56 |
| 51. | Nodakhali | 1 |
| 52. | Salt Lake (FETEX) | 215 |
| 53. | Salt Lake RLU (E-10-B) | 193 |
| 54. | Salt Lake (EWSD) | 17 |
| 55. | East I | 836 |
| 56. | East II | 1 |
| 57. | Bagh Bazar | 162 |
| 58. | Bagh Bazar RLU | 503 |
| 59. | Bagh Bazar I | 1087 |
| 60. | Cossipore | 593 |
| 61. | Dum Dum | 1112 |
| 62. | Dum Dum II | 171 |
| 63. | Airport RLU | 300 |
| 64. | Jessore Road RLU | 468 |
| 65. | Birati RLU | 482 |
| 66. | Madhyamgram | 733 |
| 67. | Barasat RLU | 513 |
| 68. | Panihati RLU | 1015 |
| 69. | Barrackpore RLU | 441 |
| 70. | Bhatpara RLU | 77 |
| 71. | Kalyani RLU | 85 |

*[Translation]*

**Konkan Railway Project**

257. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Konkan Railway project is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to salvage this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

*[English]*

**Proposal to run All Assam bound Trains from Calcutta**

258. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to run all Assam bound trains from Calcutta with air-brake system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay to change the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). 6519/6520 Bangalore-Guwahati Express has been provided with air brake rakes and 5659/5690 Kamrup Express will be provided with air brake rakes during the current year. The remaining trains on this section will be gradually taken up for conversion into air brake alongwith other Vacuum brake trains in a phased manner depending upon the availability of air brake stock from Production Units.

**Hardships faced by the Passengers of Kerala**

259. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the hardships being faced by the passengers of Kerala while travelling from Howrah;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no super fast train running between Howrah and Kerala;

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that all the trains from Howrah to Kerala are running via Chennai;

(e) whether any steps are being taken to introduce a superfast train between Howrah and Trivandrum via shortest route;

(f) if so, the details thereof, and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). At present, Howrah is connected with Kerala by 4 pairs of weekly express trains viz. 6321/6322 Guwahati-Trivandrum, 6323/6324 Trivandrum-Howrah, 6313/6314 Guwahati-Cochin and 6315/6316 Howrah-Cochin Expreses. These services coupled with changeover facilities are by and large catering to the traffic offering between Howrah and Kerala. However, there are periods of extra rush due to festivals, holidays etc.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) There is no such proposal at present.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Due to operational and resource constraints.

**Trips to Virar of Western Railways**

260. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the trips to Virar, Western Railway Local sector are increased by only two out of 52 total increased trips, as per new time-table;